Administration to assert its authority and curb the activities of the secessionists. The Terrorists in both states have also been getting inspiration and guidance from across the border.

(c) According to information available the number of persons who have lost their lives during the relevant period is as follows:—

	No. of persons killed in		
	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990
Punjab . .	121	126	95
Jammu & Kashmir . .	18	78	54

(d) The situation in the two states is constantly under review. The State Govts. concerned have taken adequate security and other measures to deal with the situation. Central assistance by way of deployment of paramilitary forces, etc. has also been extended as and when required.

(e) The problem in the two States has become complicated over the years. The Government are of the view that it requires a national and all Party approach for a solution. Discussions have been held with leaders of various Political Parties with this end in view.

Appeal made by Pakistani leaders on the Kashmir issue

*30. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to recent statements made by several Pakistani leaders to the effect that Kashmir was a disputed territory and that bilateral negotiations should be held with India on that issue; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The statement of Pakistani leaders on the Kashmir issue have been varied and occasionally contradictory.

(b) As is well known, Kashmir is an integral part of India and statements by some activists in Pakistan do not alter this reality.

Solution of Punjab problem

*31. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI P.N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the solution of Punjab problem; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have taken a major initiative to create a climate conducive to an amicable solution of the Punjab problem by Prime Minister's visit to Amritsar on 7-12-1989, holding of All Party meeting at Delhi on 17-12-1989 and All Party rally at Ludhiana on 11-1-1990. At the same time anti-terrorist operations have continued.

Meeting of National Integration Council

*32. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some important political parties and leading personalities have been repeatedly requesting the Prime Minister to call a meeting of the National Integration Council in order to discuss the outstanding issues facing the nation;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the meeting is being delayed even after the reconstitution of the National Integration Council; and

(c) by when this meeting is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Integration Council has been reconstituted on 2nd February, 1990 and the meeting is likely to be convened in the first week of April, 1990.

पड़ोसी देशों के साथ संबंध

*33. डा० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सामान्यतः पड़ोसी देशों में और विशेष रूप से श्रीलंका और नेपाल के साथ संबंध सुधारने के लिए सरकार ने क्या पग उठाए हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल में भारतीय मूल के निवासियों की दशा बदतर हो गई है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में उन के द्वारा क्या पग उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इंद्र कुमार गुजराल): (क) दक्षिण पड़ोसियों में अपने पड़ोसियों के साथ अपने संबंधों को पुनः सक्रिय और सुदृढ़ करने की हमारी नीति के अनुरूप बंगलादेश, भूटान, मालदीव, नेपाल, पाकिस्तान और श्रीलंका के साथ उच्चस्तरीय यात्राएं और द्विपक्षीय बैठकें हुई हैं । मैंने बंगलादेश और मालदीव की यात्रा की, जबकि नेपाल और श्रीलंका के विदेश मंत्री नई दिल्ली आए । भूटान के मुख्य महिन्द्र पिछले महीने दिल्ली आए थे और मालदीव के राष्ट्रपति इस महीने आ रहे हैं । अफगानिस्तान के विदेश मंत्री भी हाल ही में भारत आए थे जबकि अगले सप्ताह से चीन के विदेश मंत्री का नई दिल्ली में स्वागत करने का अवसर मिलेगा ।

पिछले महीने नेपाल के साथ द्विपक्षीय वार्ताओं में यह तय हुआ था कि ऐसे दस्तावेज तैयार किए जाएं जो दोनों देशों के बीच विशेष संबंधों को एक व्यापक रूपरेखा का नाम दें और जिन पर काठमांडू की मेरी आगामी यात्रा में हस्ताक्षर किए जाएंगे ।

(ख) जी, हां । अपने युगों पुराने सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक और पारिवारिक संबंधों के कारण उनके हित-कल्याण में हमारी सहानुभूति पूर्ण दिलचस्पी रहती है तथापि चूंकि वे नेपाल के नागरिक हैं इसलिए उनके कल्याण की जिम्मेदारी नेपाल की सरकार पर है ।

Pakistan's agreement with China and France for Nuclear Power Station

*34. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has signed an agreement with China for a 300 megawatt nuclear power station and is also seeking a nuclear plant from France and other suppliers;

(b) whether Government have conveyed their concern to France, with regard to the sale of French Nuclear Power Plant to Pakistan, if so, in what form and what was the response of France to the same;

(c) whether Government are also aware that Pakistan scientists are working to manufacture nuclear bombs;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken so far to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen such reports about nuclear power plants to be supplied by China and France to Pakistan.

(b) France maintains that the nuclear power plant would be under adequate safeguards and consider the sale to Pakistan a commercial proposition. Our concerns in this respect have been conveyed to France through diplomatic channels.